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Four Vols Join Swim Program

Tennessee head swimming and diving coach John Trembley announced the addition of four athletes to the Vol roster. Lance Asti, Gabriel Chereches, Bryan Hoffman and Kyle Smerdon bring the total number of 1997 Vol signees to eight, as they join fall additions Zane DeWitz, Michael Gilliam, Brent Owen, and John Shapiro. UT's spring recruiting class boasts a wide geographic diversity, including athletes from two states and two foreign countries. Chereches, who competed for Awty International School in Houston, Texas, after arriving from his native Romania, already has a pair of Olympic competitions under his belt and could be considered the most seasoned newcomer to join the Volunteers for next season.

Lance Asti (5-11, 150) hails from West Bloomfield, Mich., and was part of a high school team that claimed its eighth consecutive state championship last season. Asti, holder of the Michigan state record in the 100 backstroke, took state championships in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Gabriel Chereches (5-7, 145) also comes from Awty International school. He won a gold medal in 1993 at the Junior World Championships and earned a first-place performance at the Junior European Championships in 1995 in diving.

Bryan Hoffman (6-1, 163) hails from Freemont, Calif., after a stint at Ohlone Junior College where his 1996 Las Positas finished runner-up in the NCAA Division II Championships. At Mission San Jose High School, he broke a 200 freestyle school record that had stood since 1971.

Kyle Smerdon (6-3, 198) is the final signee who comes to UT from Don Mills, Ontario, Canada, where he helped lead Woodlands High School to the state prep championships in 1996 and 1997. Smerdon garnered a state title in the 100 freestyle while earning five All-America honors in five different events (including the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly).

Parrington to Coach Divers in Australia

In related swimming news, Aqua Vols diving coach Dave Parrington has been selected to lead a team of five United States divers in a pair of competitions in Australia in the middle of this month, probably about the time you receive this issue. Under the direction of UT's eighth-year diving mentor, a team of two males and three females will compete in the Australia World Cup Trials event scheduled for July 8-12. In addition, Parrington's charges were to take part in a special event July 13 held for broadcast on Australian television.

Division I Basketball Attendance

In the June 23, 1997, NCAA News Digest, Division I basketball attendance was ranked according to total attendance and number of games played at home. The University of Tennessee finished first in the nation.

According to the News Digest, "In measuring which programs have high relative attendance in both men's and women's basketball, a better indicator may be to add the two ranks together. Using that method, the top program in overall attendance for 1996-97 would be the University of Tennessee, which ranked No. 1 in women's basketball attendance and No. 11 in men's."

Track Signs Two More Prep Athletes

Head coach Bill Webb announced the signing of pole vaulter Mark Johnson of Tarpen Springs, Fla., and distance runner Kevin Ward from Kingwood, Texas.

Johnson attended Northside Christian High School where he was part of two conference championship teams. The 5-11 incoming freshman posted a career-best 15-0 in the vault.

Ward attended Kingwood High School where he was part of three state championship teams, running the 3000M and the 5000M. His personal bests are 9:45 in the 3000M and 15:33 in the 5000M.

Diamond Vols Sign Pitcher

Head coach Rod Delmonico announced the signing of Amos Burdine from Memphis. The right-handed Burdine attended Memphis Christian Brothers High School where he compiled a 36-3 career record with a 1.89 ERA while hitting .315.

Burdine was named all-state and all-conference player of the year following CBHS' state title run this past season. He was a four-time all-district selection, in addition to a two-time all-metro honoree. He played four years on teams that compiled a 119-28 record that included three district titles, two regional championships and one state title. Christian Brothers finished ranked 21st by USA Today.

Get Well Wishes

As we went to press with this issue, Coach Bob Davis, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Athletic Facilities, was at home recovering from an illness and subsequent surgery. Davis has been on staff here since 1966 in a number of capacities.

Our Newest Staff Member

We've also said our goodbyes to baseball secretary Janie Cormack, who left the University of Tennessee this past May. She had been with the Diamond Vols for the past seven years. In her stead is Cindy Conner, one of the newest additions to the Vol staff. Cindy joined us at the end of May.

Cindy is a native of Kingston where she attended Roane County High School before attending Knoxville Business College and Roane State Community College. She comes to UT from PSC Incorporated, which is owned and operated by her husband, Stuart, who, we understand, is an Auburn fan.

We also say goodbye to graduate assistant Brenda Rabon who has accepted the Assistant Sports Information Director's position with Clemson, her alma mater. Brenda was a great asset to the SID staff and she will be missed.

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The First Word...

1996-97 TENNESSEE PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

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Aaron Ausmus - Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field (NCAA Indoor Shotput Champion)
Wes Boudreau - Outdoor Track & Field
Brendan Crowley - Swimming
Jeff Elder - Swimming
Adam Engle - Swimming
Craig Gilliam - Swimming
Jeremy Linn - Swimming (NCAA 100 & 200 Breastroke Champion)
Shawn McNew - Swimming
Rodney Panek - Swimming
Tom Pappas - Outdoor Track & Field
Casey Quilter - Swimming
Evan Stewart - Diving
Justin Thornton - Swimming
Dawane Wallace - Indoor Track & Field

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

Boomer Erik - Golf - 3.51
Peyton Manning - Football - 3.51
Tim Turpen - Golf - 3.36

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT IV

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Jeff Hall - Football - 3.31
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Brendan Crowley - Swimming
Jeff Elder - Swimming
Adam Engle - Swimming
Terry Fair - Football
Craig Gilliam - Swimming
Jay Graham - Football
Jeff Hall - Football
Matt Hall - Swimming
Kurt Keene- Baseball
Joey Kent - Football
Jeremy Linn - Swimming
Leonard Little - Football
Peyton Manning - Football
Shawn McNew - Swimming
Tom Pappas - Track
Evan Stewart - Diving
Adam Terrell - Diving
Tim Turpen - Golf
Dawane Wallace - Track
Brandon Wharton - Basketball

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SEC SWIMMER OF THE YEAR
Jeremy Linn

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Peyton Manning - Football - No.1 Graduate of Dept. of Speech Communication (3.51- cum laude honors)

SEC "GOOD WORKS" TEAM
Mark Ingram - Football

BURGER KING "*Student of the Game*"
Eric Lane - Football (vs. Georgia)
Brad Lampley - Football (vs. Vanderbilt)

NATIONWIDE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE
Peyton Manning - Football (vs. South Carolina)

LOUISVILLE SLUGGER FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA TEAM
Kurt Keene - Baseball

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Spotlight on the 1996-97 Seasons...
A Look at the Vol Opponents

Marcus Nash was on the receiving end of one of the most spectacular plays of the 1996 season, a TD pass in the Georgia game that began with a Peyton Manning quarterback sneak.

Compiled by Tom Mattingly

Here's a look at the 1997 schedule, looking forward by looking back at the series with each opponent. Here goes, beginning with the August 30 season opener.

Texas Tech, August 30, at Knoxville

The Vols and Red Raiders have played but once, that game taking place on a soggy field in Jacksonville in the 1973 Gator Bowl. The Vols had lived dangerously in 1973, rallying time after time for seven wins, against three losses and two ties and the first-ever clash with the Red Raiders was in the true spirit of the season. The Vols trailed early before rallying behind running back Haskel Stanback and quarterback Condredge Holloway. Haskel scored one TD on a five-yard run and added another on a seven-yard toss from Holloway that, with a Ricky Townsend field goal thrown in, cut the margin to 21-19. However, the game went to the Red Raiders, 28-19, and Vols were handed their second Gator Bowl loss in four tries. (Series Record: 0-1-0)

UCLA, Sept. 6, at Pasadena

This intersectional series dates to 1965 in Memphis when Doug Dickey's Vols rallied time after time to take a 37-34 victory. Tennessee rallied again in 1970 behind touchdowns by Curt Watson and Don McLeary to win 28-17 at Neyland Stadium. The road to an 11-1 record in 1989 and share of the SEC title that season started with a 24-6 win over a favored Bruin team in the Vols first appearance in the Rose Bowl since 1945. Tennessee won the hottest game on record by a 30-16 count on a September afternoon in 1991. Peyton Manning made his Vol debut in the 1994 contest at Pasadena and threw two TD passes and scored twice himself in last season's 35-20 nationally televised contest. (Series Record: 6-4-2)

Florida, Sept. 20, at Gainesville

The Vol series with Florida dates to 1916, when the Vols took a 24-0 win at Tampa, Fla. The two teams played twice in the 1920s, three times in the `30s and four times in the `50s. Classic games from the Vol perspective include a 38-7 win at Knoxville in 1970, a 45-3 win in Knoxville in 1990, highlighted by Dale Carter's 91-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to start the second half and a rain-soaked, and that's putting it mildly, win in Knoxville in 1992. In 1977, with the Vols looking for just enough yardage to punt from their endzone, tailback Kelsey Finch found the wide open spaces at right tackle and motored 99 yards for a score. (Series Record: 15-11-0)

Mississippi, Oct. 4, at Knoxville

This series started in 1902 and saw most of the early games played on either Shields-Watkins Field in Knoxville or at Crump Stadium in Memphis. Later games would be played at Memphis's Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, Mississippi Memorial Stadium in Jackson and Vaught Hemingway Stadium in Oxford. In 1967, Tennessee won a key game on route to the SEC title with a 20-7 win, first over the Rebels since the Vols upset the heavily favored Mississippi squad 18-16 on Homecoming Day in 1958. Tennessee closed the 1988 season with five consecutive wins, including a fog-shrouded 20-12 victory in Oxford. (Series Record: 40-18-1)

Georgia, Oct. 11, at Knoxville

Tennessee and Georgia played but 13 times between 1891 and 1937 and the modern series renewal in 1968 was called "A Rouser On A Rug" by Sports Illustrated's Dan Jenkins. The game, the first played on artificial turf in Knoxville, ended in a 17-17 deadlock when Vol quarterback Bubba Wyche lead a desperation 80-yard TD drive and threw a two-point conversion to tight end Ken DeLong. Heath Shuler made all sorts of heroic plays in the 1992 contest in Athens and Manning likewise made an amazing touchdown toss when he appeared to be stopped at the middle of the line but recovered to sprint to his right and find wideout Marcus Nash for six points in the right corner. (Series Record: 14-10-2)

Alabama, Oct. 18, at Birmingham

The Vols and the Crimson Tide have played since 1901, usually but not always, on the third Saturday in October. Gene McEver had a big kickoff return in 1928 to pace the Vols to a 15-13 win, the biggest to that time for Captain Robert R. Neyland. Beattie Feathers and John Cain had a memorable kicking dual in the mud in 1932 (the Vols won 7-3) and Johnny Butler etched his name in Vol history with a 56-yard TD run in the 1939 contest. The Vols rallied for a 14-9 win in Knoxville in 1950 and at one time during the `50s, pitched five shutouts against the Tide in six games. Albert Dorsey, Bobby Majors, Chuck Coleman, Dale Jones, Johnnie Jones, Jay Graham and Manning have been among Vol heroes in contest against the Tide. (Series Record: 30-42-7)

South Carolina, Nov. 1, at Knoxville

The Vols and South Carolina have played but 15 times, but there have been exciting moments and big plays galore. The 1970 game was perhaps the most memorable of the series as the Vols and Gamecocks swapped scores in the fourth quarter before George Hunt knocked home the game winner from 31-yards out to cap a 28-18 Vol victory in Columbia. Tennessee had two fourth quarter interception returns for scores to break open the 1971 contest and few Vol fans will forget a 39-yard pass and run by Vol fullback Mose Phillips for a score in the 1992 contest. Leonard Little blocked a South Carolina field goal attempt in the opening moments of the 1995 game, which teammate Tyrone Hines returned 90-yards for a touchdown. (Series Record: 11-2-2)

Southern Mississippi, Nov. 8, at Knoxville

The Vols and Southern Miss have played but twice, with the Vols winning both games by shutouts. It was 56-0 on the way to an 11-1 record in 1950 and 42-0 in 1995, a year in which the Vols also finished 11-1 and were No. 2 in the nation. (Series Record: 2-0-0)

Arkansas, Nov. 15, at Little Rock

Two out of the first three Tennessee-Arkansas games were played in bowls. There was a 14-13 win in the 1971 Liberty Bowl, highlighted by a Watson TD run on which the senior from Crossville, playing his final game as a Vol, overcame bruised ribs to make a nifty move on an Arkansas defender to score the winning TD late in the game. The Vols won the 1990 Cotton Bowl 31-27, but it wasn't easy. The Vols have won twice in Knoxville and once each in Little Rock and Fayetteville since the teams started playing yearly in 1992. (Series Record: 7-1-0)

Kentucky, Nov. 22, at Lexington

Tennessee's border state rivalry with the Wildcats dates to 1893, with games played at Wait Field, Shields-Watkins Field in Knoxville, and Stoll Field and Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington. The games are typically hard fought and there have been numerous memorable moments. Tennessee tailback John Majors, headed for an apparent score in the 1956 contest, saw the ball dislodge from his grasp, but picked off by teammate John Gordy who completed the scoring play. Kentucky tackle Lou Michaels, who caused the fumble, personally destroyed the Vols 20-6 in the 1957 contest at Lexington. Looking for a Liberty Bowl bid in 1974, the Vols unveiled the "Liberty Formation," (otherwise known as an unbalanced line) on their way to a 24-7 victory. (Series Record: 60-23-9)

Vanderbilt, Nov. 29, at Knoxville

The annual clash with the Commodores generally, but not always, concludes the Vol regular season. Dean Dougherty hired Neyland to "even the score with Vanderbilt. Do something about the terrible standing in the series." Neyland did, having evened the series by the time he retired in 1952. The Vols played their last game on grass, we thought, when they won 41-14 in the SEC Championship season of 1967. There was a classic tie in 1974 when Holloway lead the Vols back from an eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter. Tennessee took a 42-7 win in Knoxville in 1977, with the Vols decked out in Orange shirts and Orange pants. The Vols came from 28-3 down to win the 1987 contest 38-36, a game that was never under control until the final whistle. (Series Record: 59-26-5)

That's a brief look at the series with Vol opponents in 1997, just enough to whet your appetite for the season ahead.

A Look At The Vols...

SPOTLIGHT ON THE TENNESSEE TRACK & FIELD TEAMS

Wes Boudreau captured the SEC discus title to help guide the Vols to a fourth-place finish in the SEC Championships.

Track Teams End Season with Competition at NCAAs

The Tennessee track and field team opened its 1997 outdoor campaign at the Auburn Invitational in Auburn, Ala., as several Vol tracksters captured first place, while four Vols finished with second place performances.

Three Vol track athletes claimed top honors in their respective events at the Florida State Relays held in Tallahassee, Fla. Leading the way for Tennessee was sophomore Doug Ellington, Russell Rainey and senior Nate Westin, as they earned first place finishes. The following day the field event teams finished with several top honors as Aaron Ausmus and Wes Boudreau walked away with the No. 1 spots.

In wrapping up their Spring Break swing in Florida, the Tennessee track and field team took part in the Florida Relays.

The Vol 4x1600M relay squad took the teams' only victory on day one of the relays. Day two saw the Vols post several top ten finishes, while Ausmus won the shot put event.

Next for the Vols were the Seas Ray relays. The 31st annual Sea Ray Relays saw the Big Orange pull away with five Sea Ray Championships. Dawane Wallace claimed the 110M high hurdles while teammate Russell Johnson captured the pole event. Also teammates Scott Perkinson won the discus and Chris Brown captured the 10,000M with a personal best time.

Ausmus captured top collegiate honors while placing third in the shot put event.

Tennessee's track and field team traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., on April 24-26 for the Penn Relays.

The Vol athletes posted several personal best marks and were successful in qualifying for the NCAAs with provisional marks during the competition.

Bob Dickie placed second in the steeplechase. The Big Orange throwers placed well in the throwing events as Ausmus, Boudreau and Perkinson all finished in the top five. While the throwers were competing well, Diondre Jackson, Felipe Apablaza and Wallace all scored points for the Vols.

The Vols followed the Penn relays with a win in the Twilight Meet at Tom Black track as the Vols claimed top honors with wins in the pole vault, steeplechase, 800 meters and the shot put.

While Johnson was winning the pole vault, Boudreau was busy claiming the shot put title and Mike Moran capping off the 800M with a first-place finish as Ellington won the steeplechase.

The much anticipated Gatorade Relays came to Knoxville as Ausmus finished third in the shot put and fifth in the discus. Ellington posted a second-place finish in the steeplechase, while Dickie ran seventh.

The Vols then proceeded to Auburn for the SEC Championships where defending champion Arkansas again ran away with the title while Tennessee finished fourth.

The Vols did have several indi-

viduals win SEC titles as Boudreau won the discus with a toss of 222-1. Pappas won the decathlon with 7677 points. a lifetime best performance. The Vols posted an overall 1-3-4 finish in the event as Pat Buckheit and Jeremy Racey posted points for the squad. Ausmus and Boudreau finished third and seventh respectively.

Moran scored a fourth-place finish in the 1500M run.

Two Big Orange throwers scored with a 5-6 finish in the javelin. Pappas and Phil Carter had personal and season best performances while Perkinson and Ausmus finished fifth and seventh.

In Indianapolis, Ind., the Vols placed five Vols in the finals round of competition as Ellington finished 11th in the 5000M (14:18.61) , while Jackson placed 12th in the high jump(7-0 1/2). Johnson failed to place in the pole vault, Ausmus finished sixth in the shot put (61-1 1/4), while Boudreau finished eighth in the hammer (217-8) and Pappas finished eighth in the decathlon (7487 points).

While the Vols were finishing 47th in the NCAA championships, the Lady Vols finished 18th in the nation to surprise many people in the women's NCAA Championships.

In a year of successes in the Lady Vol program, no team had a more impressive turnaround in 1996-97 than outdoor track and field. While basketball, golf and rowing each finished the year strong, no team surpassed its expectations quite like track and field in Coach Dorothy Doolittle's swan song.

The Lady Vols almost literally came out of nowhere to finish 18th at the 1997 NCAAs, June 4-7, in Indianapolis, Ind. With virtually the same lineup as last season (a team which finished tied for 49th), seven Tennessee athletes scored in three events to tally 14 points.

Returning to the glory days of year's past, UT relied on the performance of its relays and sprints. Most surprising was that of the 4x400m relay team of freshman Lesly Love (Knoxville and Karns High School), sophomore Erica Witter, sophomore Janelle Briggs and junior Saidah Jones. In the 1996 outdoor season, UT's best 4x400m time was 3:43.25. At the 1997 NCAAs, the squad notched a 3:32.42, nearly 11 seconds faster, to finish fifth garnering All-America honors for each athlete. The only difference in the lineup between the two years was Love instead of Kelli White.

Erica Witter helped the Lady Vols to make gains toward moving into the top echelon of the SEC sprint squads.

Yet, White was UT's top performer in 1997. A sophomore, she led the way for the Lady Vols with two top-five finishes earning All-America certificates in both events. White exceeded all expectations by placing fifth in the 100m dash, while anchoring the 4x100m relay team to a third-place finish.

Even though the 4x100m relay team of junior Anissa Campbell, Jones, sophomore Heather Sumpter and White appeared to be a young team on paper, it was actually the Lady Vols most experienced foursome. Last year with a lineup that featured Witter instead of Jones, the Lady Vols finished in eighth at the NCAAs with a time of 44.54. This year's foursome dropped almost half a second off its '96 time to give the quartet back-to-back All-American honors.

What is most amazing about the performance at the '97 NCAAs is how much the team improved. The 4x400m relay ran nearly four seconds faster than its previous best mark set only two weeks earlier. It was a remarkable event, heightened by the fact that the relay was seeded 13th entering the Championships.

White, who was seeded 18th in the 100m outran 13 people ranked ahead of her to drop nearly two tenths of a second in a race where the winner is only determined by fractions of a second. If she had run three one-hundredth of a second faster, White would have finished third. Add to White's NCAA accomplishment, moving up eight spots from her No. 18 seed in the 200m to qualify for the semifinals and finish 10th with a 23.52.

Witter and Jones also competed in individual events, with Witter improving her seeding dramatically. Ranked 24th in the 200m, Witter finished 14th with a semifinal time of 23.69. Jones, however, did not improve on her placing, finishing 15th in the 400m with a 53.18 in the preliminaries.

On a disappointing note, two-time All-American senior Marvena Almond closed out her career at Tennessee having to withdraw from the heptathlon after straining a hamstring during the long jump on the second day.

Next year, the Lady Vols expect to return seven of the eight athletes which competed in the NCAAs, including each of those who received All-American honors. With that in mind, the Lady Vols should continue to improve and be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

Good News & Notes...
GOOD THINGS IN ATHLETICS

Every now and then you need to read a story like this one. This one will make you feel good about the impact of Tennessee football on the lives of the fans who follow the Vols so loyally.

It was just the other day that Coach Phillip Fulmer called us to his office to meet a lady from Hendersonville, Tenn., and her young son. Fulmer told us that this was a story we needed to know about.

We take you to Hendersonville, in Sumner County, on Highway 31E between Gallatin and Nashville.

The lady's name was Jennifer Haag, formerly of Greeneville, a Class of 1970 Green Devil through and through. She now lives in Hendersonville. Here's her story.

It was in December 1995. On Christmas Eve, just a few weeks after the Vols' season finale at Neyland Stadium against Vanderbilt, her husband and three sons were on their way to church and were involved in an automobile accident on Indian Lake Road near their home.

Her husband, Allan, and middle son, Brent, were killed. Sons Andrew and Eric were hospitalized. Vol fans to the core, the trip to Knoxville earlier that month had been their last trip together as a family.

"When Coach Fulmer heard about the accident," Jennifer told us, "he immediately called Eric and Andrew at Vanderbilt Hospital. They were thrilled to hear from him." Jennifer also told us that Vol quarterback Peyton Manning called the next day. "It made their day to hear from Peyton," she recalled.

The relationship continued over into 1996 and into 1997. Eric recovered and is expected to play for his hometown Hendersonville Commandos. He was at Coach Fulmer's camp this summer. Andrew is on crutches, yet still remains a happy, positive young man, who is an absolute delight when you meet him.

"There's been an ongoing outpouring of compassion," Jennifer told us. "Andrew was an honored guest when the Big Orange Caravan rolled into Nashville this year.

"It's hard to express what Coach Fulmer and the Tennessee team mean to us, the way they have pulled together for our family.

"Coach Fulmer helped Eric and Andrew deal with everything they've been through. It means a lot to them and means a lot to me."

Jennifer went on to talk about some behind-the-scenes aspects of college athletics and some things that occasionally get lost in the battle over wins and losses, in the seemingly endless recruiting wars and in the public's view of what college athletics is all about.

"IT'S HARD TO EXPRESS WHAT COACH FULMER AND THE TENNESSEE TEAM MEAN TO US, THE WAY THEY HAVE PULLED TOGETHER FOR OUR FAMILY. COACH FULMER HELPED ERIC AND ANDREW DEAL WITH EVERYTHING THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH. IT MEANS A LOT TO THEM AND MEANS A LOT TO ME."

— JENNIFER HAAG

"You hear a lot of negative things," Jennifer said, "when the subject of University of Tennessee football comes up. Sometimes, however, people don't really know the things that go on behind the scenes.

"If Tennessee never won another game, the Vols have had an impact on this family. Eric and Andrew won't have to fill out an application when it comes to going to college. They know where they're going. It makes you feel proud of your school when they do things like this."

That's a story you might not have known about, but now you're glad you do.

Fulmer at Jeff County "Field of Dreams"

Head coach Phillip Fulmer was part of a fund-raising event in Dandridge for the Dandridge-South Jefferson Little League's "Field of Dreams."

"Back in Franklin County," Fulmer said, "God, my family and my little league coaches were the biggest influences on me growing up. If it had not been for a little league program, my athletic career would not have taken the course it did. Three years ago, the UT football program was in a similar situation where we had to overcome adversity. We'd just lost our two starting quarterbacks, as well as several games in a row, when we had to go to an unknown backup quarterback, freshman Peyton Manning.

Andrew Haag with Tennessee head football coach Phillip Fulmer. Photo by Tennessee Pictureman.

"We went into the Washington State game that year with the proper mental focus believing that we could achieve what seemed to be impossible and that win led into what we've been able to accomplish since then. You can do the same thing as a community by getting focused and by not accepting anything but success."

Reports indicated the event raised about $21,000.

Linn, Holdsclaw Nominated for SEC Athlete of the Year

Tennessee swimmer Jeremy Linn and Lady Vol basketball player Chamique Holdzclaw were the University's nominees for SEC Athlete of the Year. Linn was an silver medalist Olympian and NCAA champion in the breaststroke, while Holdsclaw led the Lady Vols to their second consecutive NCAA Women's Basketball Championship.

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Tennessee Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TV
AUG. 30	TEXAS TECH	KNOXVILLE	7:30 EDT	ESPN
SEPT. 6	UCLA	PASADENA	12:30 PDT	ABC
SEPT. 20	FLORIDA	GAINESVILLE	3:30 EDT	CBS
OCT. 4	MISSISSIPPI	KNOXVILLE	TBA	
OCT. 11	GEORGIA	KNOXVILLE	TBA	
OCT. 18	ALABAMA	BIRMINGHAM	6:00 CDT	ESPN
NOV. 1	SOUTH CAROLINA	KNOXVILLE	TBA	
NOV. 8	SOUTHERN MISS (HC)	KNOXVILLE	4:00 EST	VIDEO SEAT
NOV. 15	ARKANSAS	LITTLE ROCK	TBA	
NOV. 22	KENTUCKY	LEXINGTON	TBA	
NOV. 29	VANDERBILT	KNOXVILLE	TBA	

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols
The Vol Gridiron - Where It All Began

The Vol Gridiron- Where It All Began! University of Tennessee football fans are very familiar with names of the Volunteer stars who have passed across the stage since the school went big time on the gridiron back in the late 1920s. From Gene McEver to Peyton Manning, the deeds of the great players are well documented.

But football at UT started way back in 1891, 35 years before Bob Neyland came on the scene and made Tennessee a national power. There were some fine players in those dark ages whose memories have not lived as long as their successors, largely because the game was not the media topic that it has since become. But they, too, played their part in the building of the Volunteer tradition.

One of the first of these came along in 1897. Charley Moran, fresh out of a Nashville high school, could be called the first recruiting coup for a Vol football team. The team manager, Eugene Adkisson, had to outsell other Southern powers to bring Moran to Knoxville, and he made an immediate success. In his very first game, against King in 1897, the scatback streaked 90 yards for a touchdown. That was the only season Moran played for the Vols, the war of 1898 with Spain interrupting the grid program, but he went on to a distinguished sports career on other fronts.

He was the head coach at Texas A&M in 1910 when a young end from Greeneville, Texas, named Bob Neyland played for the Aggies prior to getting an appointment to West Point. In 1921 he was the head coach at Centre (Ky.) College when the Praying Colonels went east and knocked off mighty Harvard in the biggest upset college football had ever seen up to that time. And later on he was a National League baseball umpire for many years. American sport has had few more beloved figures than "Uncle Charley" Moran.

Another name of note in those early years was Nash Buckingham of Memphis. One of those Tennessee's first All-Southern players, Buckingham was a wonderful back on the teams of 1901 and `02. Bu but like Moran, he gained greater fame in later years. A noted outdoor writer and conservationist, he was named Conservationist of the Year in 1962.

All-purpose back Walker Leach was the star of Coach George Levene's fine teams in 1907-08, winning all-conference honors both years. And one of his teammates, guard Nathan Dougherty, came to occupy an even loftier place in UT history. Dougherty, called "Big 'Un" by his mates, was a two-time All-Southern player who filled in at fullback on short yardage situations. Later the longtime UT Dean of Engineering and faculty athletics chairman, he was the man who hired Neyland as head coach in the mid 1920s. And in 1967, he was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, the only pre-Neyland player to win that honor.

Playing along with Leach and Dougherty was another young man whose name deserves a special place in Vol grid annals. The forward pass was introduced in college football in 1907, and although no precise records were made of the event, it is almost certain that the quarterback on that team, J.C. (Floozy) Loucks, was the first Vol player ever to attempt and complete a pass for Tennessee.

The unbeaten and untied team of 1914 boasted a number of outstanding players, led by the deadly passing combination of quarterback Bill May and end Alonzo (Goat) Carroll. The concept of the level playing field was not nearly so prevalent then as it is now. In home games, the Vols' deadly duo had a distinct advantage. Old Waite Field, at the corner of Cumberland and Fifteenth, sloped sharply upward in the southwest corner of the end zone, and May and Carroll practiced every day on a pattern that sent Carroll deep into that area, where he towered well above the defensive backs and made an easier target for May.

Buck Hatcher, who played before World War I in 1915-16 and returned after service overseas to finish out his career in 1919 and '20, was a truly great halfback of that era, runner, passer, punter and dropkicker of note. It was Hatcher's 30-yard field goal that gave the Vols a 3-3 tie with arch rival Vanderbilt in 1919, one of the few times the Vols were able to battle the Commodores on even terms in those years. Hatcher was a two-time All-Southern pick.

The only three-time all-conference player UT produced in pre-Neyland football was halfback Roe Campbell, 1921-22-24. Campbell, later a prominent Knoxville business leader, was a gifted broken field runner. Another Vol of note in that era was All-Southern end J.G. Lowe, who was chosen captain of both the 1924 and '25 teams. He was one of four Lowe brothers to earn football letters at UT in the 19-teens and `20s.

Former Vol

Brian Brophy (1990-92)

Brian Brophy came to Tennessee from Hartford, Conn., and earned All-America honors in the decathlon in three consecutive years, beginning in 1990.

Brophy finished second in the NCAA decathlon in 1990 with 7779 points, third in 1991 with 7762 and won the NCAA crown in 1992 with 8276 points. He won the SEC Outdoor Championship in 1990 (7537 points).

Going into 1996-97, Brophy holds the school total point record for the decathlon with his 1992 NCAA performance and school decathlon records in the shot put (58-1 1/2 in 1991) and discus (176-8 in 1992). He holds the Tom Black Track decathlon discus record (166-2).

He won the Jon Young captain's award in 1991 and 1992 and the Ed Murphey Award in 1990 and 1992.

Brophy's career went up, up, up at Tennessee.

Conklin, Thompson Drafted Into ABL

The only two Lady Vol basketball players to complete their eligibility this past season were each selected in the spring American Basketball League draft. Forward Abby Conklin was taken in the third round by the Atlanta Glory with the 23rd overall pick, while forward Pashen Thompson was the sixth-round choice of the Seattle Reign and 49th overall. Conklin and Thompson join eight other former Lady Vols on preseason ABL rosters. Three additional former Pat Summitt pupils don Women's National Basketball Association rosters (WNBA).

Four Lady Vol Hoopsters Selected to U.S. Team

Sophomore-to-be Kyra Elzy and three Lady Vol recruits were recently selected to the 1997 Women's Junior World Championship Team. The three incoming freshmen were Tamika Catchings, Kristen "Ace" Clement and Semeka Randall. All four were members of the U.S. Women's Junior World Championship Qualifying Team which went 12-1 from May 9-June 1 and were champions of the World Championship Qualifying tournament. The 1997 World Championship will take place in Natal, Brazil, from July 5-13.

Reidhead Recognized as Academic All-American

Senior Tracy Reidhead of the Lady Vol softball team capped off her career by being named as a third-team Academic All-American. The sport management major carried a 3.73 grade point average and also led the team in batting average (.374) and home runs (seven). Reidhead was also a first-team Academic All-District choice, as was her classmate Bridget Jackson, who was a second-team selection. Jackson and Reidhead also made up half of the Lady Vols named to the Academic All-SEC team. The two were joined by sophomore outfielders Kenyail Norris and Jenny Steele. Tennessee athletes ranked only behind South Carolina in total honorees.

Sophomore Kyra Elzy was one of four Lady Vols chosen to participate in the US World Championships.

Tennenbaum to Coach World Junior National Team

For the second straight summer, Robbie Tennenbaum will work as an assistant coach with the Women's Junior National Rowing Team. To spend more time preparing for the competition, Tennenbaum has resigned as assistant rowing coach at the University of Tennessee. It marks the fourth consecutive year Tennenbaum has held a post with the national team. His primary responsibility last summer was to train the eights which finished in fourth place. The competition will take place from August 6-10 in Hazewinkle, Belgium. Training began on June 9 and continues up until the competition.

Jones and White Semifinalists at USA Track & Field Championships

Fresh off outstanding performances at the NCAA Championships, All-Americans junior Saidah Jones and sophomore Kelli White continued their success at the USA Track & Field Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. Jones and White qualified for the semifinals in all three of their events. Jones ran her 400m preliminary heat in 52.91 to earn a semifinal berth. She followed with a 53.27 in the semifinals, not enough to qualify for the finals. White posted an 11.64 in the preliminaries of the 100m to advance to the semifinals where she notched an identical time, but did not qualify for the finals. In the 200m, White ran a 23.50 in the preliminaries and bettered her time in the semis (23.28). However, White was again unable to earn a berth into the finals finishing 10th overall.

Walker & Wyatt Top Softball Honorees

Softball team MVP Lisa Wyatt ended her career by being honored as an All-Region selection. The first baseman was joined by sophomore pitcher Buffy Walker on the first team and sophomore catcher Carrie Swinford on the second team marking the first-ever Lady Vols to receive All-Region honors. Ironically, Wyatt and Swinford were not selected to the inaugural All-SEC team. Seniors third baseman Bridget Jackson and shortstop Tracy Reidhead, along with Walker, were each named to the conference's first team. Reidhead (.374), Swinford (.369), Wyatt (.361) and Jackson (.335) were the team's top four hitters, while Walker (21-9, 0.71 ERA) was Tennessee's No. 1 pitcher.

Hunter To Take Position At University of Washington, Trainer New Assistant SID

After six years with the Lady Vol sports information department, Assistant SID Jana Hunter has decided to take a similar position at the University of Washington effective July 1. In her current post for the last four years, Hunter has served as the soccer, cross country and track & field contact where her media guides won numerous awards.

Her replacement is Eric Trainer, former Sports Information Director at Carson Newman College in Jefferson City.

—Brad Laux

This Week In Big Orange Country

New Vol Tennis Coach Named

Michael Fancutt, a former Vol tennis player (1979-81 and 1983) and Coaching Director of the Fancutt Tennis Academy in Brisbane, Australia, since 1989, has been named head tennis coach at the University of Tennessee.

"I am excited about bringing a person from such a renowned tennis family to be the coach at the University of Tennessee," said Athletic Director Doug Dickey. "A former All-America at Tennessee, Michael Fancutt is known world-wide in the tennis community. He has been an instructor both for individual pro players and at a major tennis facility. This background gives him outstanding credentials for both coaching and management of our program."

Fancutt, 36, was a four-year letter winner and a 1979 All-America selection for the Vols. He was an NCAA doubles finalist (along with Andy Kohlberg) that same season. He was part of the SEC Championship Tennessee team in 1980 and won the SEC doubles titles with three different partners (1979 with Kohlberg, 1980 with Doug Corn and 1981 with Mike DePalmer, Jr.). He was also SEC singles champion (outdoors) at No. 4 in 1979. He compiled a 15-4 record as a Vol in 1981, a winning percentage of .789, good enough for eighth place on Vol records, tied with DePalmer, Jr., Paul Annacone, John Gibson and Coenie de Villiers. He holds a degree in sociology from UT in 1986.

"I am happy to be back at the University of Tennessee. I really enjoyed this area and the people I met and I have been able to come back every year since I left Tennessee as a student," Fancutt said. "As a player, I was part of a Southeastern Conference Championship team in 1980. In 1986, I was an assistant coach on an SEC championship team at UT and I would like nothing better than to be the head coach of an SEC championship team here. During my playing career, I really enjoyed the Knoxville area and the success of UT athletics. I look forward to having our tennis program compete again on that level."

Michael Fancutt has been named to replace John Kreis as the Vols' head tennis coach.

Fancutt comes from a noted family, all of whom have played at Wimbledon. His father, Trevor, mother, Daphne, and brothers, Charles and Chris, have all played there and Michael was a Doubles Semifinalist at Wimbledon and the Australian Open in 1984 (teaming both times with Peter Doohan).

He served as an assistant coach at Tennessee under Mike DePalmer, Sr., coached and traveled with UT players Byron Talbot and Shelby Cannon when they won the 1986 All-American Doubles National Title and most recently he has coached Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (World Ranking No. 9) during the Australian Open and at Wimbledon last year.

Fancutt's first task was to settle on an assistant coach, which he wasted little time in doing. Carlos Garcia, assistant coach under John Kreis has been retained to hold that position as assistant coach.

He is married to the former Elisabeth (Liz) Larsen.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

Varsity 4+ Takes Ninth in NCAA Rowing

Apparently just making the NCAA Championships was not good enough for Tennessee women's rowing coach Susannah Iacovino, whose varsity 4+ placed ninth in the first-ever NCAA Championships, May 30-June 1, in Rancho Cordova, Calif. Now maybe ninth does not sound like something to be proud of, but consider the facts. First, 1997 was only Tennessee's second year of intercollegiate competition. Second, only one member of the varsity 4+ was even on the varsity last year, and the team's coxswain (quarterback, if you will) was still in high school. Third, one member of the team, Megan Reinhart, had never rowed prior to this year and was not even moved to the varsity until the spring.

With a constantly fluctuating roster to add to the troubles, the season outlook was focused around building for the future, but harboring the reality that the varsity 4+ could qualify for an at-large berth in the NCAAs this year. In addition, throughout the fall boats were juggled to find the right combination. The varsity 4+ jelled at the right time with the result culminating in a national championship appearance.

Head rowing coach Susannah Iacovino helped guide the Lady Vol rowing team to their first ever appearance in the NCAA Championships.

UT received its bid as the lowest ranked Division I at-large selection. In total, 16 schools were represented in the competition, with eight earning automatic berths and four guaranteed from the Division II and III ranks. The Lady Vols finished the regular season ranked fourth in the Central Region and earned the final spot with the three teams ahead of them—Iowa, Ohio State and Virginia—also securing bids.

Once qualifying for the NCAAs the team went to work. In race order, the squad was comprised of seniors Amy Delashmit and Suni Hartsfield, sophomore Janece Rittenberry, and freshmen Reinhart and coxswain Kelly Hitzing. The boat was situated with bucket rigging, sitting port, starboard, starboard, port with Hitzing in the bow.

UT's first race came in the preliminary round, where the unseeded Lady Vols placed fourth behind Iowa, Ithaca and Johns Hopkins. The Tennessee quartet rowed in at 8:04.8 over the 2000m course, just four-hundredths of a second behind Johns Hopkins and one spot out of an automatic berth to the semifinals.

So, it was off to the repechage (second chance race) later that day, where the team placed third to claim the final position in the semifinals. Central Region foes Ohio State and Virginia got the best of UT in the repechage, as the Lady Vols posted an 8:15.0.

Returning for day two, host Sacramento State captured Tennessee's semifinal, while the Lady Vols crossed the line in 8:10.8 falling one spot short of the Grande Finals by placing fourth.

However, on the final day in Tennessee's last race of the year, the four rallied to finish third in the Petite Finals in 8:05.4. Brown went on to capture the event in 7:24.5. With the top six times posted by those in the Grande Final, a third-place finish in the Petite Final earned UT ninth overall.

"We were happy to be included in the inaugural NCAAs," said Iacovino. "We had hoped to make it to the Grand Finals, but ninth in the nation is a very strong finish in only our second season."

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VASF News and Notes

Nathan Dougherty is often credited with beginning the athletic tradition at Tennessee. He was instrumental in the building of Shields-Watkins Field which is now surrounded by more than 102,000 seats. He was also the man who brought Gen. Robert R. Neyland to Knoxville, the man who put Tennessee football in the national spotlight.

So in his honor, the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund has created the Nathan Dougherty Society for people who want to help ensure Tennessee's athletic success continues.

The Society was formed last year so a distinguished group of individuals can share in Dougherty's vision of Tennessee athletic success.

The primary goal of the Nathan Dougherty Society is to assist in the endowment of all athletic scholarships, ensuring the future of Volunteer student athletes well into the 21st century. Membership requires a commitment of $125,000 over a maximum of 10 years.

Dean Dougherty believed in helping the student-athlete, and this society gives people the opportunity to ensure Tennessee's athletic success.

Greg and Sally Langley share in Dougherty's vision and have become charter members in the society. They want to show the university how much enjoyment they receive from Tennessee football and give young men a chance they might not ordinarily have.

"It is a good feeling to know we may helped out one of the athletes," Greg said. "We have had the opportunity to talk to many them, and they are really fine young gentlemen. This is our way of showing them the enjoyment we get from watching them play football."

Sally echoes those sentiments.

"Tennessee football is like our family and this is a way we can show our gratitude for the enjoyment those players have given us through the years," Sally said. "UT is a very big part of our life and this is our way of being able to give something back."

Greg, a native of Sparta, made his first visit to Knoxville to watch the Vols play when he was 13 in 1965 with Joe Little, who was a member of the 1938 and 1939 Tennessee teams.

"I was overwhelmed the first time I went to a game," Greg said. "I thought it was great, and started doing everything I could to get back up to those games." Sally was a tougher sell on how great an autumn Saturday in Knoxville can be.

Nathan Dougherty brought in Gen. Neyland as head coach back in 1926 and things have never been the same in Knoxville. Membership in the Nathan Dougherty Society will help keep Tennessee's tradition of excellence.

Greg was still trying to get to as many games as he could, and a few years after they were married he brought Sally to the 1979 homecoming game against Rutgers. The Vols lost that game, and Sally could not see why Greg and the rest of the Vol faithful got so excited about Tennessee football.

Sally's next visit though was a different story. She came with Greg to the 1982 Duke game which was also a loss, but the atmosphere of the crowd made an impression on her.

"I went to that first game with Greg and thought he was crazy for getting so excited about a football game," Sally said. "But when he took me back, I got caught up in the atmosphere, and I got hooked."

Hooked she was. Since 1984, the Langleys have missed only one game home or away. They are definitely members of the Big Orange faithful.

Each home game finds the Langleys in Knoxville on Friday night. They along with many of their friends travel from Nashville to see the Vols play. They arrive in Lot 9 about four hours before the game and anxiously await kickoff. After a few hours of tailgating, they walk over to Yale Avenue to watch the Vols walk from Gibbs Hall down to Neyland Stadium.

Game time nears, and the excitement builds. Then about 45 minutes before kickoff, the Langleys find their seats in the upper deck of the north end zone. After watching the players warm-up and hearing the crowd noise rise, the Langleys are ready for football time in Tennessee.

Then as the "Pride of the Southland Marching Band" marches onto the field, Greg and Sally prepare for the Vols to run through the T.

"When I see the band walk onto the field and then spread out, I get goose bumps," Greg said. "Some people say we take UT football too seriously but I say they don't take it serious enough."

Then after an afternoon of excitement in Neyland Stadium, the Langleys head back to Nashville. There is no sleeping in though, as they rise early to watch the game that they taped while they were gone.

Watching the game on Sunday is so important that Greg records the game on two separate televisions in case one does not record properly.

The routine starts over the next week as the Langleys prepare to come back to Knoxville or travel to Lexington, Gainesville or any other stop on the Big Orange schedule.

The Langleys are committed to Tennessee athletics just as Tennessee athletics are committed to excellence. The partnership they have formed with one another in the Nathan Dougherty Society will help ensure the tradition of success in Tennessee athletics continues.

— Rob Hardin

The Last Word...
BO SHAFER

His real name is Alex A. Shafer, Jr., but everybody knows him as "Bo." He doesn't remember how (or why) he got that name, but that's the way it is, including his listing on p. 268 of the Knoxville phone book.

Shafer, a former Tennessee tackle, has done quite well for himself since he left the Hill after his final season as a Vol in 1958. He married the Circle K sweetheart back in 1967, raised a family, run a successful business and has been a leader in the community.

Most recently, however, he has won election as one of two International Vice-Presidents of Kiwanis International, a world-wide service organization with 561,407 members in 8595 clubs in 79 nations and geographic areas.

Knoxvillians knew all along that Bo was a friend to those who are in need, a man of boundless energy who makes every minute count. He's the type guy every community has (or needs to have) to get the important things done.

Bo Shafer has had a lifetime of service and has made his mark on his community and the world of Kiwanis.

No lip service here. He's right there, out front, helping make a difference. He follows the adage that he wouldn't ask others to do anything he wouldn't do himself.

"Life is a dash between two dates," he says. "If you don't believe it, look at the tombstones. That little ole dash goes by real fast. If all we do is take care of ourselves, we've thrown our lives away. It's not just a duty, but a real privilege to be able to take care of others. I've been really blessed to be on that end of it. Giving is what really provides the joy in life."

Bo is a native Knoxvillian and a 1955 graduate of West High School. He was a charter member of the West High School Key Club and a good enough football player to end up on teams coached by Bowden Wyatt in 1956, 1957 and 1958, playing tackle over the course of his career under the one and only John (Skeeter) Bailey. Bo majored in finance and was a charter member of the UT Circle K Club.

Following his football career on the Hill and with his diploma in hand, he served as a 1st Lieutenant and Military Policeman in 1959-60 in Merz, France. He became president of Shafer Insurance Agency in 1963 and has been there ever since.

He married Mary Gwyn, a Circle K sweetheart as we mentioned earlier, and they have two grown children, Heidi and Andy.

He's done it all in Kiwanis during his time. He was president of the Kiwanis Club of Knoxville (1974-75) with 29 years perfect attendance, was Lieutenant Governor of Division V (1982-83), Governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee District (1988-89), following in the footsteps of his father, who had likewise served as K/T Governor in 1965.

He was International Trustee (1994-97) and has served as Counselor for eight Districts and Circle K International. While he was Governor, he established 14 clubs in 16 divisions. He is a life member and a George F. Hixson Fellow, charter member of the Heritage Society and Tablet of Honor.

Here's part of what they said about Bo when he was on campus: "Is fired with ambition and is easily coached... A very hard and conscientious worker."

Remember the latter phrase. Friends marvel at his ability to run a successful business and find time to do everything else he does. Remember also that the way to get a job done the right way is to give it to a man or woman who says they don't have time to do it.

"'I don't have time' is a phrase that ought to be thrown out of the English language," he says. "Nobody has ever had more than 24 hours a day. What we're really saying is that it's not important enough for me to make the time. You just get done what you think is the most important thing. If it needs to be done, do it.

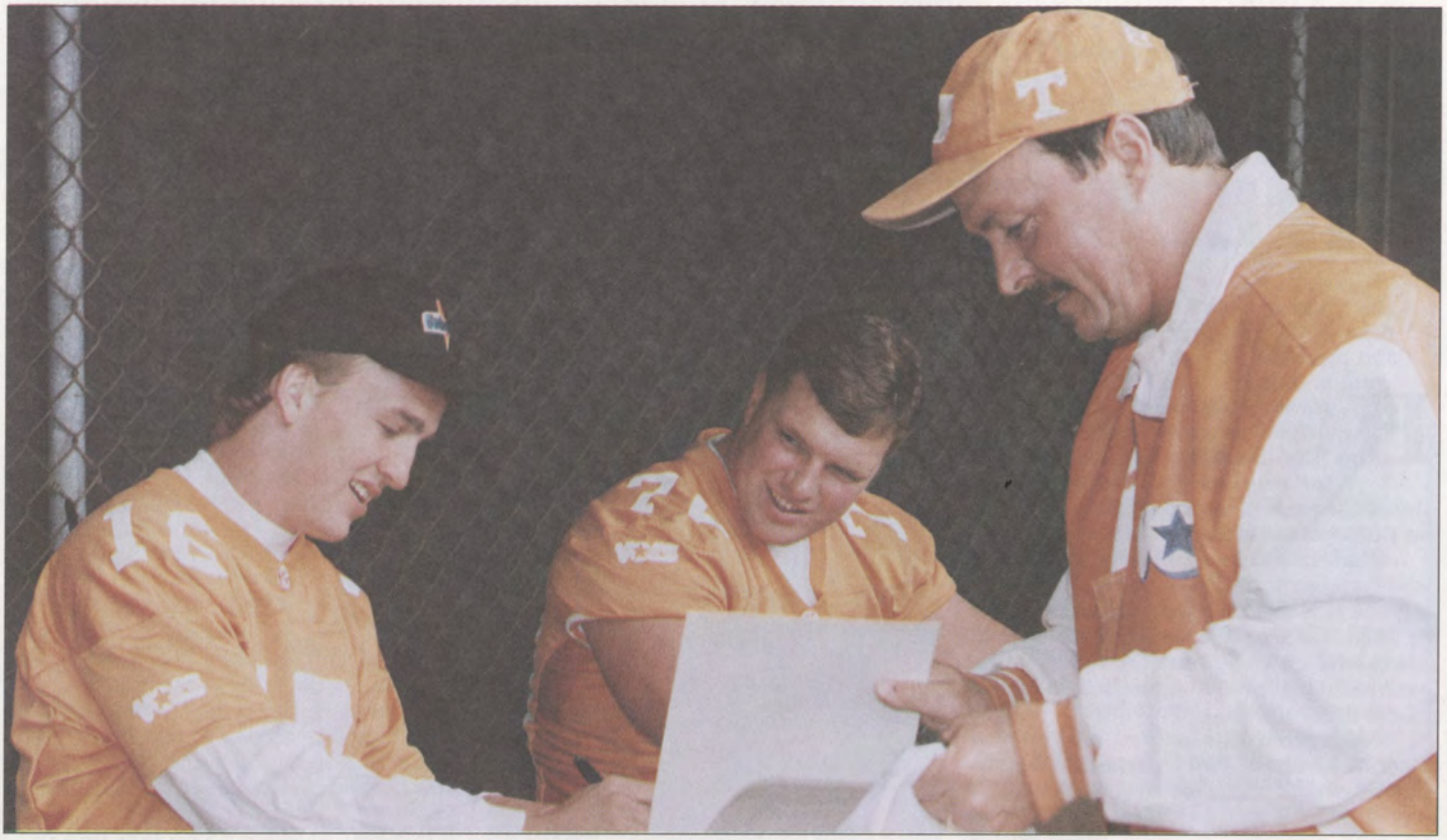
"When you go to a funeral, they never say what kind of car you drove or how big your house was. Those things just don't matter. It's what you do for others. It's an honor and a blessing to be able to help folks. We have it so good it's just unbelievable."

Despite all the honors, all the accolades, Shafer always comes back to one of his good friends, a man who once appeared with him on a United Way television commercial. His name is Billy Bob Holladay.

"He has cerebral palsy and is completely helpless," Bo said. "He's completely a prisoner in his own body. He was at my house one day and I noticed the wheel on his wheelchair looked the same as the wheel on my son's bicycle. It was the same wheel with a totally different purpose. It made me realize how blessed I was my son could ride a bicycle. That one moment really stands out. You have to help people like Billy Bob."

Bo Shafer is a few years and one major election away from being International President of Kiwanis. Whether or not he makes it, Bo Shafer has made a difference among those who call themselves Kiwanians, among those who call themselves Knoxvillians, and among everybody he's ever met. He a man who makes a difference. He's a doer. What better tribute could there be?

— Tom Mattingly



Peyton Manning and Trey Teague sign autographs for a lucky Vol fan at the spring game.

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